CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT MEN AND WOMEN OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF DELIV-ERING THE MAIL DURING THIS TIME OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 257, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McHugh) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 257, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 440]

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the men and women of the United States Postal Service have done an outstanding job of collecting, processing, sorting, and delivering the mail during this time of national emergency.".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was on the House Floor but inadvertently failed to vote during passage of H. Con. Res. 257. Had I voted, I would have voted "yea."

□ 1415

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN ROBERT ECKHARDT

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the news that former Member of Congress Robert "Bob" Eckhardt passed away yesterday in Austin, Texas. He was 88 years old, and is survived by three daughters.

Bob Eckhardt actually was in District 8 from Texas, which is now represented by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Brady), but I represent most of the population in the geographic area

that in the 1970s was part of Congressional District 8.

Bob Eckhardt served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967 to 1981, representing the Eighth Congressional District. He was born in Austin, Texas, and he graduated from the University of Texas Law School, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and prior to his election to Congress he served in the Texas House of Representatives.

I can say it best, I guess, with quoting the Houston Chronicle editorial in this morning's paper about Bob Eckhardt:

"Known in Congress as a serious scholar and a fervent ideologue, Eckhardt immersed himself and associates in complicated formulas and details that made him a master of the legislative process. Articulate and loquacious, irreverent and eccentric, Eckhardt customarily traveled by bicycle wearing his trademark bow tie, white suit and Panama hat, even years after he left Congress. He could incorporate a quote from Shakespeare or the Constitution in almost any debate. . ..

"His anti-pollution initiatives for air and water sometimes chafed the oil and chemical business," industries in the district I now represent. "The toxic Substance Control Act, a landmark for occupational health and safety, was one of his proudest achievements."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our sincere condolences to the family of Congressman Robert "Bob" Eckhardt, and we pay tribute to his very distinguished life.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GREEN of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was very distressed to hear about the passing of our former colleague, Bob Eckhardt. I am probably one of the few Members today serving that served at the same time with him.

He was a member of the Committee on Commerce. I must say he was a unique Member. He was a scholar, a man of enormous integrity, an expert in areas like the War Powers Act and the energy issues. He was a man you could always go to and get a clear-headed point of view. He was very, very thoughtful and highly regarded. He was eccentric, which made him even more beloved by those of us who knew him.

I want to join the gentleman in extending my condolences to his family, and my regrets to the people of Texas and to the House of Representatives and the American people for our loss of Bob Eckhardt.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California. I know the gentleman served with him. I was a State Representative in the seventies when he was my Member of Congress.

He was a man of integrity, honor, commitment, and service. He was a great man who gave himself selflessly for the betterment of others.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

B-1B LANCER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. Thune) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to see the progress we are making in the war in Afghanistan and the turn it has taken for the better in the last week. We have seen cities like Mazar-e Sharif and Kabul and Kandahar perhaps falling, and systematically the resistance is moving forward. We are making progress.

I believe there is no reason other than the success of the concentrated bombing campaign, which has been led by Colonel Ed Rice, the 28th Air Expeditionary Wing commander and the commander at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

The reason we have met with such considerable success over there is due to the air power we have been able to project. The B-1B Lancer is a huge part of that success.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply note for the RECORD that the B-1 bomber brings a tremendous number of assets and attributes to the campaign. It is the only supersonic bomber in the Air Force. The speed that it travels at allows it to integrate seamlessly into huge fighter strike packages.

In terms of range, the large fuel load allows it to fly from great distances and loiter for hours over the battle-field.

It is flexible. It can carry a wide variety of munitions. It can carry more weapons than any other aircraft in the Air Force inventory.

Its lethality: The B-1 has the largest payload of any U.S. bomber. It is the monster truck of the U.S. bomber fleet.

Its ability to deliver a large number of weapons is what makes it so valuable to warfighting. It can carry 84 500-pound "dumb" bombs and 24 2,000-pound precision munitions.

A single B-1 flying just one combat mission over Afghanistan is able to destroy 24 different targets. That is economy of force. Because of the B-1s' huge payload, fewer combat aircraft had to go into harm's way during this war on terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the B-1 has had a remarkable combat history: In Desert Fox, its combat debut in Iraq in 1999, with the Allied force there and the effort that went forward. The B-1 created an unparalleled record in Kosovo that may be unsurpassed in history, in which it completed 100 of 100 combat